

COUNTY TRIAL COURTS

BUDGET UNIT: TRIAL COURT FUNDING – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) (AAA TRC)

I. GENERAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

On January 1, 1998, AB233, the Lockyer – Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 went into effect in the State of California. This bill fundamentally changed how the trial courts are funded by transferring primary responsibility for funding the courts to the state, including sole responsibility for funding future growth in court operations costs. In addition, it requires counties to make a capped maintenance of effort (MOE) payment to the state each year for operations of the courts. The MOE contribution is made up of two components: reported 1994-95 county expenses for court operations, plus fine and forfeiture revenue sent to the state in 1994-95. Under the bill, county MOE amounts were established in 1997-98 with certain reductions and adjustments subsequently authorized by the state. Current MOE contribution for expenditure component is \$20,227,102 annually; and for revenues, is \$8,163,193 annually. In return, the state allowed the counties to retain many of those same fines and forfeitures to help fund their MOE payments with the provision that collections that exceed the amount of the revenue MOE be split equally with the state. There is no staffing associated with this budget unit.

II. BUDGET & WORKLOAD HISTORY

	Actual 2001-02	Budget 2002-03	Estimated 2002-03	Department Request 2003-04
Total Requirements	33,402,632	31,828,295	33,596,545	34,090,295
Total Revenue	24,403,078	21,697,281	24,669,462	23,721,081
Local Cost	8,999,554	10,131,014	8,927,083	10,369,214

Variance of estimated 2002-03 from budget is due to anticipated higher collections of revenues (above the revenue MOE) which is shared equally with the state.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FUNDED ADJUSTMENTS

STAFFING CHANGES

None.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Appropriations were increased to reflect higher anticipated payment to state based on projected share of revenue collections above the revenue MOE.

Also, appropriations were shifted to operating transfer category to more accurately reflect anticipated transfer payment to Court special revenue fund associated with 25% of county's share of collections above revenue MOE.

OTHER CHANGES

None.

IV. VACANT POSITION IMPACT

None.

V. OTHER POLICY ITEMS

None.

VI. FEE CHANGES

None.

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ANALYSIS OF 2003-04 BUDGET

	A	B	C	D	B+C+D E Board Approved Base Budget
	2002-03 Year-End Estimates	2002-03 Final Budget	Base Year Adjustments	Mid-Year Adjustments	
<u>Appropriation</u>					
Other Charges	32,555,295	31,828,295	(348,000)	-	31,480,295
Total Appropriation	32,555,295	31,828,295	(348,000)	-	31,480,295
Operating Transfer Out	1,041,250	-	-	-	-
Total Requirements	33,596,545	31,828,295	(348,000)	-	31,480,295
<u>Revenue</u>					
Fines & Forfeitures	7,455,403	12,401,193	-	-	12,401,193
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	(311,286)	-	-	-	-
Current Services	17,525,345	9,296,088	(586,200)	-	8,709,888
Total Revenue	24,669,462	21,697,281	(586,200)	-	21,111,081
Local Cost	8,927,083	10,131,014	238,200	-	10,369,214

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ANALYSIS OF 2003-04 BUDGET

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	Board Approved Base Budget	Recommended Program Funded Adjustments	2003-04 Department Request	Vacant Position Impact	2003-04 Proposed Budget (Adjusted)	Recommended Vacant Restoration	2003-04 Recommended Budget
Appropriation							
Other Charges	31,480,295	1,410,000	32,890,295	-	<u>32,890,295</u>	-	32,890,295
Total Appropriation	31,480,295	1,410,000	32,890,295	-	<u>32,890,295</u>	-	32,890,295
Operating Transfer Out	-	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	-	<u>1,200,000</u>	-	<u>1,200,000</u>
Total Requirements	31,480,295	2,610,000	34,090,295	-	<u>34,090,295</u>	-	34,090,295
Revenue							
Fines & Forfeitures	12,401,193	(5,183,593)	7,217,600	-	<u>7,217,600</u>	-	7,217,600
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Services	8,709,888	7,793,593	16,503,481	-	<u>16,503,481</u>	-	16,503,481
Total Revenue	21,111,081	2,610,000	23,721,081	-	<u>23,721,081</u>	-	23,721,081
Local Cost	10,369,214	-	10,369,214	-	<u>10,369,214</u>	-	10,369,214

Base Year Adjustments

Other Charges	<u>(348,000)</u>	Legislative correction to Maintenance of Effort.
Total Requirements	<u>(348,000)</u>	
Current Services	<u>(586,200)</u>	Reduction for Juvenile Dependency revenue no longer included in this budget unit.
Total Revenue	<u>(586,200)</u>	
Local Cost	<u>238,200</u>	

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Recommended Program Funded Adjustments		
Other Charges	<u>1,410,000</u>	Anticipated higher payment to state for shared revenues offset by shift to operating transfers.
Operating Transfer Out	<u>1,200,000</u>	Transfer for Court per collections agreement.
Total Requirements	<u>2,610,000</u>	
Revenue		
Fines & Forfeitures	<u>(5,183,593)</u>	Realignment of revenues to appropriate category - shift to current services.
Current Services	<u>7,793,593</u>	Shift from fines & forfeitures and increase in anticipated collections based on projections and inclusion of undesignated revenues.
Total Revenue	<u>2,610,000</u>	
Local Cost	<u>-</u>	